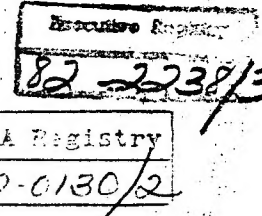
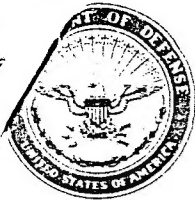


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WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



11 MAR 1982

Honorable William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

(S) Your February 5, 1982 letter advised that you plan changes in the National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC) which will result in certain Department of Defense (DoD) personnel being allowed undifferentiated access to sensitive intelligence materials. Due to the security implications of such increased access, you asked that a waiver to DoD Directive 5210.48 be granted to permit polygraph testing of DoD personnel assigned [redacted]. Your request has been coordinated with those DoD Components whose personnel would be affected in this instance.

(U) The keystone of the DoD security program is strict enforcement of the "need to know" policy. Continuing effort is made to ensure that access authorizations are kept to the minimum needed for operational requirements--and that the access of cleared individuals is limited to such classified information and materials as are specifically required to perform assigned duties.

(U) We have particular reservations concerning the substitution of polygraph examinations for the strong physical, document and procedural security compartmentation measures needed to provide the necessary security to Sensitive Compartmented Information present in any given facility. To grant a waiver to DoD Directive 5210.48 under these circumstances would reflect a considerable departure from DoD policy.

(U) We are currently examining our overall policy concerning the use of the polygraph for personnel security purposes. Until we have completed this review, I believe it is not advisable to make an exception to policy for the purpose outlined in your February 5, 1982 letter.

OSD review
completed

Sincerely,

Classified by: Dir, DCI
Review on 30 Dec 2001

Bill - I hope this does not unduly inconvenience you - let's talk if it does. OS 2 0718

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